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Addendum

Programme questions: evaluation
(*Item 3 (b)*)

Strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives

1. At its 3rd meeting on 4 June 2013, the Committee considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) on strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives (A/68/70).

2. The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the report and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the report.

Discussion

3. Delegations expressed appreciation for the quality of the report of OIOS on strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives. They recalled the recommendations adopted by the Committee, emphasizing that evaluation was a key function not only for the adoption of budgetary decisions, but also for the formulation of policy directives. They also stressed the importance of the greater impact that evaluation should have on the medium- and long-term strategic planning of the United Nations system.

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4. It was noted by some delegations, as the Committee had done during its fifty-first session, that the effectiveness of evaluation depended on, among other factors, the quality of management indicators. For that purpose, the need to improve the methodology for conducting assessments and to ensure regular follow-up on the progress achieved was increasingly clear. The recommendation on the need to apply a more systematic approach to evaluating activities by OIOS in terms of the better exploitation of complementarities and synergies among all relevant United Nations departments, adopted by the Committee during the fifty-first session, was reaffirmed.

5. The Committee noted the uneven and not systematic application of the evaluation function throughout the Secretariat and that the level of skills and competencies of the staff in different departments was generally inadequate, owing inter alia, to insufficient training. The Committee further reaffirmed that the evaluation function, in particular self-evaluation, was an essential managerial tool and that it was the responsibility of managers at the senior level to achieve the expected results and to ensure that relevant staff were adequately competent.

6. The Committee also noted with concern that the lack of a proper evaluation function could hamper the implementation of mandates, in particular by affecting the work planning exercise, which was necessary in order to carry out the mandates and to facilitate the adoption of strategic planning decisions.

7. A number of delegations raised serious concerns regarding the inadequacy of and gaps within the evaluation function. Several delegations noted that evaluation was not being used as a management tool and that the activities of the Organization should be subject to integrated management which incorporated planning, programming, budgeting, monitoring, inspection and evaluation. A number of delegations recognized the importance of evaluation for providing timely and high-quality information that could contribute to improved planning, transparency and accountability. Moreover, they noted that evaluation was an important function for ascertaining whether programmes were achieving their goals and for capturing lessons learned.

8. Regarding financial and human resources for evaluation, it was noted by several delegations that that issue was not within the mandate of the Committee and should be dealt with in another forum. Nevertheless, questions were raised as to the parameters for sufficient evaluation resources. In addition, the comment was made that despite the provision of significant resources and the increased emphasis placed on evaluation in recent years, clear benefits were not being seen. The view was also expressed that, as OIOS had indicated, "a lack of management support for and buy-in to evaluation" was a major concern, and it would seem clear that until that issue was resolved, the provision of additional resources would be unlikely to yield the results that Member States might expect.

9. Regarding the lack of an evaluation culture within the Secretariat, in particular, a number of delegations indicated that that state of affairs was discouraging and delegations were concerned that evaluation was considered a burden more than a useful tool. Concern was also expressed by some delegations that the Committee was seen as a constraint and a hindrance. That view was not shared by the delegations; in fact, delegations saw the Committee as performing an important role to ensure that the Secretariat was correctly translating mandates into programme delivery.

10. A number of delegations generally concurred that the Committee must make strong recommendations addressing the critical evaluation gaps identified in the OIOS report, for example the possibility of including the use of evaluation by programmes as an additional indicator in the compact of the Secretary-General with his senior managers and of holding managers responsible in that regard.

11. As to evaluation competencies, it was noted by some delegations that resources were not the only obstacle to effective evaluation; as stated in the report, the weakness of competencies in the field of evaluation was also an obstacle. The point was made that training alone might not close the gap identified with regard to uneven evaluation competencies.

12. Delegations also raised several questions regarding the methodology for the OIOS report, including whether OIOS participated in interviews with Secretariat programmes and the reasons why donor evaluations had been excluded from the assessment and an external expert had been engaged to assess the quality of Secretariat evaluation reports. A few delegations also questioned the ways in which gender and human rights could be integrated into all evaluations in all programmes. At the same time, several delegations sought further clarification from OIOS on the differences between evaluation conducted by OIOS and evaluation conducted by the programmes themselves, and the apparent confusion within the Secretariat between monitoring and evaluation.

Conclusions and recommendations

13. **The Committee emphasized that some progress had been achieved by OIOS in the implementation of the Committee's recommendations made during its fifty-first session on ensuring that evaluation reports focus on programme impact and results achieved, improving the methodology for conducting assessments, including regular follow-up on the progress made, applying a more systematic approach to evaluation activities, including exploitation of complementarities and synergies of all activities, and strengthening coordination among all relevant departments.**

14. **The Committee noted with satisfaction the evaluation results; the reports received a "good" or "excellent" quality rating when analysed in terms of their contents, including in five programmes in the area of the development of Africa.**

15. **The Committee expressed its concern that, despite OIOS actions and initiatives which had led to a degree of progress during the biennium, the goal of ensuring the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives in the Organization was far from being reached, and that the overall capacity for evaluation remained inadequate for several reasons, including:**

(a) **The lack of a robust and comprehensive evaluation culture and policies in the Secretariat;**

(b) **The lack of management support, leadership, accountability and buy-in;**

(c) **Gaps in the skills and competencies of staff, and insufficient training;**

(d) **The lack of dedicated personnel for evaluation;**

(e) **The lack of clear identification of resources related to evaluation;**

(f) **Shortfalls in the quality of management indicators;**

(g) **Critical gaps in the evaluation functions.**

16. **The Committee noted with concern that the overall quality rating of evaluation reports in 2010-2011 was below average.**

17. **The Committee noted that the effectiveness of evaluation depended on, among other factors, the quality of management indicators.**

18. **The Committee emphasized that evaluation was a key function for the adoption of budgetary decisions, since it not only helped to improve programme design and execution, as well as the formulation of policy directives, but also contributed to transparency, effective implementation of intergovernmental mandates and the maximization of the use of resources. At the same time, it allowed Member States to follow up on programme outcomes in a systematic way.**

19. **The Committee also emphasized that the evaluation function, in particular self-evaluation, was an essential managerial tool and that it was the responsibility of senior managers to achieve the expected results.**

20. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to take further, concrete measures to develop capacity for evaluation within the Secretariat programmes, with support provided by OIOS and external oversight bodies in terms of guidance and methodological advice.**

21. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to continue to make better use of in-house expertise, including, where possible, expertise available in OIOS to carry out evaluations in the different entities of the Secretariat, taking advantage of the experience acquired by the internal and external oversight bodies, and to ensure that all efforts are made to avoid duplication and/or overlapping of evaluation functions in the Secretariat.**

22. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to ensure that senior managers' compacts present adequate programme objectives and performance measures in order to fulfil given mandates in accordance with relevant rules and regulations, and that the evaluation function receives due consideration in the performance appraisal of the senior managers.**

23. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to take concrete measures at the appropriate levels to ensure that the existing significant gaps in evaluation coverage and the lack of evaluative evidence on performance are addressed.**

24. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to entrust OIOS with harmonizing, to the extent possible, a format for its evaluation reports, including findings, conclusions and recommendations.**

25. **The Committee selected for consideration at its fifty-fifth session in 2015 the following programme evaluations: Economic and social development in**

Asia and the Pacific; Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; United Nations Human Settlements Programme; Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; International Trade Centre; United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women; as well as the thematic evaluation of Monitoring and evaluation of the Millennium Development Goals: lessons learned.

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Addendum

Coordination questions: report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

(Item 4 (a))

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2012

1. At its 8th meeting, on 6 June 2013, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) for 2012 (E/2013/60).

2. The Director of CEB introduced the report and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of it.

Discussion

3. The annual overview report of CEB for 2012 was welcomed, and appreciation was expressed for the Board's important work to promote coherence and coordination among the entities of the United Nations system. In particular, efforts to ensure the responsiveness of United Nations system activities to national priorities were welcomed, and Committee members noted that the report now included an annex providing a summary of the actions taken by CEB in response to conclusions and recommendations from the previous year. In this regard, a number of delegations sought clarification with regard to the contents of the report, in particular the fact that it did not provide sufficient information in response to the Committee's previous conclusions and recommendations. A delegation expressed

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the view that the annexation to the report of a summary of the status of implementation of those conclusions and recommendations was merely a formality. In that context, it highlighted various examples demonstrating deviation from legislative mandates on the part of various Secretariat entities, including CEB. The need to respect the respective and distinct roles of the principal United Nations organs, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, was also highlighted by that delegation. In addition, a number of delegations expressed regret that the Secretary-General continued to ignore several of the Committee's conclusions and recommendations, as reflected in the report.

4. Serious concern was expressed by one delegation at the lack of compliance on the part of the Secretariat with a number of United Nations resolutions, as reflected during the consideration of various documents by the Committee during its current session. The narrative of programme 11, Environment, demonstrated this situation, in the opinion of the delegation.

5. Delegations recognized and welcomed efforts to foster increased dialogue between Member States and CEB, especially in the area of the harmonization of business practices. Clarification was sought as to whether this was limited to formal meetings, such as those of the Committee, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, or also included informal meetings. The importance of utilizing both modalities was stressed.

6. Some delegations emphasized the importance of ensuring that the activities of CEB were in conformity with intergovernmental mandates, and highlighted activities regarding the inter-agency coordination mechanism on oceans and coastal issues (UN-Oceans) and "Delivering as one", which, they noted, were still under consideration by Member States. Delegations also enquired about the mandate to mainstream the rule of law into the work of the United Nations, noting specifically the comment in the report that "the Secretary-General decided to mainstream the rule of law in the work of the United Nations" and that CEB had agreed to support the Secretary-General in that initiative.

7. With respect to activities related to the system-wide preparation for and follow-up to United Nations conferences and summits, additional information was requested regarding the review by CEB of the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals at the country level. Furthermore, many delegations enquired about the role of CEB in assisting Member States in building the post-2015 development agenda, asked for elaboration regarding the initiative of the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) to undertake wide-ranging consultations, and stressed the importance of ensuring that the views of Member States were reflected in those consultations. Several delegations also enquired about the extent to which the Bretton Woods institutions were involved in the work of CEB.

8. In the light of the need for a coherent global framework for effective response to the very complex and interconnected challenges to be faced in the post-2015 United Nations development agenda, some delegations stressed the importance of ensuring integrated United Nations system-wide support so as to avoid the overlapping and duplication of efforts. In this context, they reaffirmed the key role to be played by CEB in fostering policy coherence, as well as in taking coordinated and effective action to address the wide range of programmatic, management and operational issues linked to that global agenda.

9. Several delegations noted that the annual report made reference to some conferences and summits but not others — including the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in Istanbul in 2011 — and sought clarification regarding the role of CEB in an upcoming event to be held in follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development.

10. With regard to cooperation among the entities of the United Nations development system, delegations requested further information about the role of CEB in the preparation of General Assembly resolution 67/226, on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and raised a question about the extent to which the capacity of country teams had been strengthened as a consequence of the UNDG retreats on United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks and whether there had been improvements on the ground as a result of that work. Additional information was requested about the UNDG toolkit on good practices and lessons learned that had been disseminated as part of efforts to strengthen system-wide knowledge management in order to facilitate United Nations system contributions to the Frameworks and other planning frameworks and mechanisms.

11. In relation to the harmonization and simplification of business practices, appreciation was expressed for that CEB initiative. Many delegations took note of the improvements and concrete results achieved and called for the work in this area to continue. A few delegations requested further information about the project relating to treasury services, which had yielded savings as a result of better exchange rates through collaboration, with a view to considering whether it should be recommended that the project be expanded. Other delegations commended work undertaken to increase access to United Nations system procurement for vendors from developing countries, and asked for more details to be provided about the outcome of that initiative. A question was raised as to whether the guidelines for or approach to the harmonization of business practices had been customized for use in countries engaged in or emerging from conflict.

12. In respect of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards, an enquiry was made regarding the status of their implementation throughout the United Nations system.

13. Delegations made a number of observations on the subject of strategic planning in the United Nations system. The view was expressed that strategic planning was a substantial component of coordination and that CEB should bring that issue to the attention of its members so that they could identify ways to improve system-wide coordination in that area.

Conclusions and recommendations

14. **The Committee reaffirmed the importance of achieving the Millennium Development Goals and welcomed the periodic review by CEB of their implementation at the country level, as well as the Board's support for Member States. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of CEB, to ensure the continuation of that support.**

15. **The Committee emphasized the key role to be played by CEB in ensuring coordinated United Nations system-wide support in the preparation of and**

follow-up to the post-2015 United Nations development agenda, in accordance with relevant intergovernmental mandates. To that end, the Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of CEB, to report to the Committee, in the context of its annual overview report to be submitted for consideration at its fifty-fifth session, on ways and means of strengthening that role to foster policy coherence in the United Nations system in order to ensure coordinated and effective action to address the wide range of programmatic, management and operational issues linked to that global agenda.

16. **The Committee reaffirmed the importance of continuing the dialogue between CEB and Member States in order to further improve the Board's transparency and accountability with respect to Member States, and noted the efforts made by CEB in this area, in particular the improvements to the Board's website. It recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of CEB, to ensure the continuation of those efforts.**

17. **The Committee recognized the work of CEB on the harmonization and simplification of business practices, and welcomed the instances in which opportunities for efficiencies and the reduction of administrative and procedural burdens had been created. In that regard, the Committee requested that it be informed of future progress and recommended that the General Assembly bring to the attention of the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of CEB, the need to continue to better address that issue.**

18. **The Committee noted that some of its recommendations endorsed by the General Assembly had not been implemented, and therefore reiterated its recommendations to the Assembly to bring to the attention of the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of CEB, the following concerns:**

(a) **The need to ensure that the Board's activities and initiatives, including those related to system-wide coherence, which also included "Delivering as one" as defined in section IV.C of resolution 67/226, were in line with intergovernmental mandates;**

(b) **The need to ensure the enhanced alignment of the measures of the High-level Committee on Management with the existing United Nations legislative framework, including in the area of procurement.**

19. **With regard to the annex to the report containing a summary of the status of implementation of the Committee's conclusions and recommendations, the Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of CEB, to ensure that in future such summaries would be improved and evidence-based.**

20. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of CEB, to continue to facilitate opportunities for developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the procurement processes of the United Nations system, in accordance with existing rules and regulations.**

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Addendum

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015
(*Item 3 (a)*)

Report of the Secretary-General on consolidated changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015

Programme 11
Environment

1. At its 11th meeting, on 12 June 2013, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on consolidated changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/68/75).

2. The Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support and appreciation were expressed for programme 11, Environment. Some delegations noted that the programme is one of the most challenging and of the highest priority. Delegations noted that the work of UNEP in the next biennium must be carried out in the light of the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development. The same delegations expressed the need for a more balanced approach in terms of the three pillars of sustainable development contained in the programme.

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4. The Committee stresses the importance of programme 11 and its implementation in the context of the mandates of UNEP, taking into consideration the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.

5. The efforts of UNEP to ensure system-wide coherence, the strengthening of regional offices, the support for cooperation, capacity-building and technology transfer initiatives aimed at assisting developing countries were welcomed by some delegations.

6. Some delegations indicated that the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development was chiefly about sustainable development, as well as the environment, and that it represented a launching pad for a new development model that incorporates social development and environmental protection issues. Poverty eradication as an essential priority of development was referred to as one of the major legacies of the Conference, and the need for having poverty eradication as an overarching theme within the programme was stressed.

7. The view was expressed that integrating the three dimensions of sustainable development, social, environmental and economic, in decision-making was of paramount importance, as well as ensuring that social and environmental objectives guide economic approaches.

8. Some delegations expressed concern about the use of the term "green economy", which was used throughout the biennial programme plan for UNEP. Views were expressed that the term "green economy" had been used in the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, "The future we want", in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication. Accordingly, many delegations queried why "green economy" was not used in that context in the biennial programme plan.

9. Some delegations underscored the connection between the concepts of "green economy" and sustainable development, in that the first should be an instrument for mobilizing countries towards sustainable development, based on the understanding that there is no one-size-fits-all solution. The same delegations affirmed the importance of ensuring that the green economy concept is not interpreted as favouring aspects of commercialization of advanced technology solutions over the pursuit of solutions adapted to the distinct realities of developing countries.

10. Regarding the strengthening of UNEP, it was highlighted that perfecting international environmental governance does not mean prejudging or excluding the need to strengthen the other pillars of sustainable development. On the contrary, it must ensure a coherent treatment of the three pillars.

11. Concern was expressed concerning the chart provided by UNEP during the deliberations in the Committee, which reflected system-wide partnerships for the environment, in particular the coordination and partnerships of UNEP with other United Nations agencies on substantive themes such as "green economy" or "green jobs". Some delegations expressed the view that United Nations agencies should focus on their own mandated activities and not carry out environment-related activities that are under the purview of UNEP.

12. Concern was expressed regarding the continued use by the Secretariat of terms and concepts such as "product life cycle", "ecosystem management", "ecosystem-based adaptation", "societies in transition", "transition to a green economy",

"environmental sustainability" and others, regarding which consensus is lacking among Member States. In addition, it was underlined that references to "green economy" must incorporate the complete formulation of the concept, according to section III of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, "The future we want", entitled, "Green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication".

13. Furthermore, the characterization of "green economy" as a "main pillar underpinning this programme of work" was identified as being misleading, considering it has not been agreed upon at the intergovernmental level, and it was felt that this might give rise to confusion regarding the already established three pillars of sustainable development. Clarification was sought regarding the use of the terms "green investments", "green economy policies", "decent green employment" and green postal services. It was pointed out that the term "transition to a green economy" is not coherent with the outcome document of the Conference as it seems to refer to a predetermined form of transition to green economy, while countries need to pursue options that best suit their needs and national circumstances.

14. Views were expressed that few changes had been made to the biennial programme plan for UNEP that had been considered by the Committee in 2012, after the holding of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development. Specifically, some delegations indicated that the Committee had received the proposed strategic framework for UNEP for the period 2014-2015 during the fifty-second session, in June 2012, but had decided to delay its consideration until after impact of the Rio Conference was known. However, many delegations expressed the view that some of the proposals now before the Committee did not fully reflect the outcome of the Conference.

15. Under subprogramme 1, a few delegations sought clarification of the phrase "facilitating access to finance".

16. Delegations expressed views on the role of technology and technology transfer on the environment in the context of sustainable development. Also under subprogramme 1, it was noted that indicator of achievement (b) (i) referred to a number of countries implementing new renewable energy and/or energy efficiency initiatives. Delegations questioned whether it might not be possible to also establish an indicator of achievement with regard to the transfer of technologies.

17. Some delegations also expressed concern about the role and mandate of UNEP in disasters and conflicts and the activities it had undertaken with respect to subprogramme 2. It was noted that UNEP should work within its mandate, that is, the environmental dimension of conflict, disaster response and risk reduction, in order to avoid a multiplicity of forums, overlapping with the mandates of other organizations and duplication of efforts in the treatment of the theme. Concern was expressed regarding the establishment of a linkage between the work of UNEP and the broader fields of international peace and security, in order to avoid the "securitization" of the theme. A delegation queried the change in the name of subprogramme 2 to Disasters and conflicts. Clarification was also sought on paragraph 37 of the report on consolidated changes, specifically the reference to UNEP's leadership role "beyond environmental matters".

18. One delegation expressed serious concern about the proposed changes to subprogramme 2, Disasters and conflicts, noting that the changes represent a

departure from the previous narrative and stressing that the proposed narrative comprises elements and concepts without intergovernmental mandates. In addition, some of the proposals ignore previous decisions of the General Assembly. The inclusion of elements with a clear political impact that go far beyond the mandate of UNEP was also highlighted as a matter of serious concern by the same delegation, which considered that the subprogramme needed to be reformulated by the Assembly during its sixty-eighth regular session and expressed its intention to propose some amendments to the narrative.

19. Under subprogramme 4, Environmental governance, it was noted by some delegations that there were insufficient references to the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development as only principle 10 was mentioned. It was further highlighted that Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation should provide baselines for many planned activities under the subprogramme.

20. In subprogramme 5, Chemicals and waste, it was noted by some delegations that the subprogramme should not prejudge how the environmentally sound management of chemicals could be included in national plans. It was asserted that the environmentally sound management of chemicals, which can be included into national development plans, should not prescribe how public-private partnerships would eventually be implemented. The need for further discussion of the means of implementation was also underlined.

21. Regarding subprogramme 6, Resource efficiency, some delegations stressed the need to encompass the totality of the themes of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production, not only the resource efficiency aspect.

22. In view of the expanded programme of work of UNEP, including the proposed establishment of a new subprogramme 7, Environment under review, and the newly mandated activities resulting from the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, several delegations raised queries on monitoring and evaluation. Delegations expressed the view that UNEP should take monitoring and evaluation a step further by focusing on outcomes to determine whether its programmes lead to improvement in the lives of people.

Conclusions and recommendations

23. **The Committee stressed the importance of programme 11 and its implementation in the context of the mandates of UNEP and the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.**

24. **The Committee noted with concern the continued use by the Secretariat of terms and concepts for which consensus is still lacking among Member States. In that regard, the Committee stressed the need to be consistent with the agreed language, especially in the formulation of the proposed programme plan, when dealing with contentious issues.**

25. **The Committee stressed that the green economy, in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, is a new concept that was agreed upon at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, and that it should therefore be implemented, taking the outcome of the Conference into consideration.**

26. **The Committee welcomed the use of partnerships in the work of UNEP and recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to ensure that oversight of such partnerships is further increased by UNEP in order to provide greater transparency and accountability to Member States.**

27. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the changes to the narrative of programme 11, Environment, as set out in the report of the Secretary-General (A/68/75) and the relevant section of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/68/6 (Sect. 14)), subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 14.2 (A/68/6 (Sect. 14)), paragraph 37 (A/68/75)

Delete the words "with societies in transition".

Paragraph 14.5 (A/68/6 (Sect. 14)), paragraph 40 (A/68/75)

In the first sentence, after the word "technology" add the words ", including through the facilitation of technology development and sharing,".

Paragraph 40 (A/68/75)

In the second sentence, replace the word "safeguards" with the word "considerations,".

Add a new paragraph 14.6 (A/68/6 (Sect. 14)) and paragraph 41 (A/68/75) (renumbering all subsequent paragraphs), to read as follows:

The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development recognized poverty eradication as the greatest global challenge facing the world today and as an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. Sustainable development and poverty eradication, and green economy policies in that context, are matters of concern for all countries and cannot be dissociated from the commitment of all Member States to freeing humanity from poverty and hunger as a matter of urgency, as stated in the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.

Paragraph 14.7 (formerly para. 14.6) (A/68/6 (Sect. 14)), paragraph 42 (formerly para. 41) (A/68/75)

Delete the first sentence of the paragraph and replace it with the following:

A green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication is one of the important tools for achieving sustainable development; the support that UNEP provides to countries in this regard will constitute an important part of its programme of work.

In the second sentence, delete the phrase "in regard to related opportunities for decent green employment", and revise the sentence to read:

UNEP will, in particular, strengthen its cooperation with the International Labour Organization, in conformity with paragraph 62 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development "The future we want".

Paragraph 14.10 (formerly para. 14.9) (A/68/6 (Sect. 14)), paragraph 45 (formerly para. 44) (A/68/75)

In the first sentence, insert the words "inclusive and transparent intergovernmental" before the phrase "process of developing the sustainable development goals".

Paragraph 14.12 (formerly para. 14.11) (A/68/6 (Sect. 14)), paragraph 47 (formerly para. 46) (A/68/75)

In the first sentence, delete the words "and peacebuilding" and insert the word "and" between the words "response" and "recovery".

Paragraph 14.16 (formerly para. 14.15) (A/68/6 (Sect. 14)), paragraph 51 (formerly para. 50) (A/68/75)

In the last sentence, replace the term "green economy strategies" with the word "strategies".

Paragraph 53 (formerly para. 52) (A/68/75)

In the sixth sentence, delete the words ", through efficiency and decoupling,".

Subprogramme 1
Climate change

Objective of the Organization (A/68/75)

Replace the word "pathways" with the word "strategies".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat (A/68/6 (Sect. 14), table 14.15) and (A/68/75, table for subprogramme 1)

In expected accomplishment (a), replace the words "ecosystem-based and supporting adaptation approaches" with the words "Adaptation approaches, including an ecosystem-based approach,".

In expected accomplishment (b)

Replace the word "pathways" with the word "strategies".

Indicators of achievement (A/68/6 (Sect. 14), table 14.15) and (A/68/75, table for subprogramme 1)

In indicator of achievement (b), add indicator (b) (iii), to read:

"Increased number of implemented programmes/projects by countries on transfer of advanced technologies in the area of renewable energy/or energy efficiency with the assistance of UNEP".

Strategy

Paragraph 54 (formerly para. 53) (A/68/75)

Delete the second sentence and replace it with the following:

"The subprogramme is aimed at helping countries to build readiness and facilitate access to financing, through, inter alia, the creation of enabling environments, in order to address climate change in the context of sustainable development by:"

In paragraph 54 (d) (formerly para. 53 (a)) (A/68/75)

After the phrase "policies, plans and climate actions in countries" insert the words ", upon their request".

Paragraph 55 (formerly para. 54) (A/68/75)

In the second sentence, delete the words "discussions held and".

In the third sentence, after the words "sound science" insert the words ", in particular by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change".

In the last sentence, replace the word "pathways" with the word "strategies".

Paragraph 55 (a) (formerly para. 54 (a)) (A/68/75)

In the first sentence, after the words "UNEP will support countries" insert the words ", in particular developing countries,".

After the word "primarily" insert towards "efforts to incorporate adaptation approaches, including".

In the second sentence, after the words "To achieve this, UNEP will conduct" insert the words ", upon request,".

Paragraph 55 (b) (formerly para. 54 (b)) (A/68/75)

In the first sentence, replace the term "a green economy" with the words "the implementation of green economy strategies".

Insert a new third sentence, to read:

"UNEP will also contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation by facilitating support of Governments, relevant entities and other entities for the Climate Technology Centre and Network, to be hosted by UNEP."

Paragraph 55 (c) (formerly para. 54 (c)) (A/68/75)

In the fourth sentence, replace the term "the green economy" with the following "green economy policies in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication and sustainable patterns of consumption and production".

In the fifth sentence, replace the word "pathways" with the word "strategies".

In the last sentence, replace the word "safeguards" with the word "objectives".

Subprogramme 2
Disasters and conflicts

Indicators of achievement (A/68/6 (Sect. 14) and (A/68/75)

In indicator of achievement (a) (ii), replace "fragile States and vulnerable regions," with "countries emerging from conflict or recovering from natural disasters,".

Strategy

Paragraph 58 (formerly para. 57) (A/68/75)

Delete, the first sentence and replace it with the following:

"Moreover, an internal coordination platform will be established to improve and share knowledge on synergies among work on biodiversity conservation and ecosystem services, adaptation approaches to climate change, including ecosystem-based approaches, and ecosystem-based approaches to disaster risk reduction".

Subprogramme 3
Ecosystem management

Objective of the Organization (A/68/6 (Sect. 14)) and (A/68/75)

Delete the words "provide" and "among countries".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat (A/68/6 (Sect. 14), table 1.4.19) and (A/68/75, table for subprogramme 3)

In expected accomplishment (c), delete the word "wider" and replace the word "seascapes" with the words "coastal zones".

Strategy

Paragraph 62 (a) (formerly para. 61 (a)) (A/68/75)

In the second sentence, after the phrase "feeding a growing global population in a sustainable manner" insert the phrase "while promoting sustainable patterns of consumption and production,".

Paragraph 62 (b) (formerly para. 61 (b)) (A/68/75)

In the first sentence, replace the word "work" with the words "support countries in their efforts".

Subprogramme 4
Environmental governance

Strategy

Paragraph 65 (a) (formerly para. 64 (a)) (A/68/75)

In the first sentence, replace the words "Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environmental Forum" with the words "United Nations

Environment Assembly of UNEP, formerly known as the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environmental Forum".

Subprogramme 6
Resource efficiency (A/68/6 (Sect. 14) and (A/68/75)

Change the name of the subprogramme to "Resource efficiency and sustainable consumption and production".

Objective of the Organization (A/68/6 (Sect. 14), table 14.25) and (A/68/75, table for subprogramme 6)

Replace the objective with the following: "To promote and assist efforts towards patterns in which goods and services are increasingly produced, processed and consumed in a sustainable way in order to reduce environmental impact and contribute to the achievement of sustainable development and the improvement of human well-being".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat (A/68/6 (Sect. 14)) and (A/68/75)

In expected accomplishment (a), delete the words "and a green economy".

Indicators of achievement (A/68/6 (Sect. 14)) and (A/68/75)

Reword indicator of achievement (a) (i) to read: "Increased number of countries and cities that develop and integrate green economy policies, within the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, and sustainable consumption and production approaches and tools, as a result of UNEP assistance".

Paragraph 68 (a) (formerly para. 67) (A/68/75)

In the first sentence, after the word "UNEP" insert the words ", upon request,".

Replace the words "in developing policies that support a transition to a green economy" with the words "in developing green economy policies and practices".

Paragraph 70 (formerly para. 69) (A/68/75)

In the first sentence, after the words "poverty eradication" insert the words ", as well as joint efforts to promote sustainable patterns of consumption and production".